

Commission on
Improving *the* Status
of Children in Indiana

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MEETING

JUNE 20, 2018

Agenda

1. Welcome and Introductions
2. Approval of Minutes from meeting on April 18, 2018

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3. Strategic Priority: Child Safety and Services

- a. Child Welfare Policy and Practice Group: Summary of Findings from DCS Assessment

Evaluation of the Indiana Department of Child Services

The Child Welfare Policy and Practice Group

June 18, 2018



Review Methodology

- **Interviews with over 590 internal and external DCS stakeholders**
- **Review of organization structure and capacity**
- **Identification of resource availability and needs**
- **Information, data and trend analysis**
- **Review of policy and procedures**
- **Review of federal child welfare review findings**
- **Review of plans reports and processes**

Review Methodology

- **Review of a random sample of DCS case files**
- **Review of Indiana child welfare statutes**
- **Staffing assessment**
- **Review of prior evaluation reports**
- **Assessment of culture and management**
- **Placement resource assessment**
- **Review of quality assurance/improvement data**

Indiana Key Data Findings

- **Twice as many court involved cases nationally**
- **Nearly highest state in rate of abuse/neglect referrals**
- **Accepts more reports than national average**
- **Third highest rate of cases accepted nationally**
- **Substantiates less than 15% of assessments**
- **The rate of abuse and neglect reports grew by almost 63% from SFY 13 to SFY 17**

Indiana Key Data Findings

- **55% of removals due of parental substance abuse**
- **Barely misses the federal standard for repeat maltreatment**
- **More than double the national average rate of children in care**
- **More than double the national average rate of children entering care**
- **45% of family case managers have caseloads above the state standard**
- **Supervision: National standard 1/5, DCS standard 1/7**
- **530 children in care on the wait list for child care**
- **5 times more spent on drug testing than drug treatment**

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System Strengths

- **Support of the review by DCS and the Governor's office**
- **State initiatives on opioids and other drugs**
- **DCS attention to child safety**
- **High percentage of placement with relatives**
- **Exceeds the national average in discharging (mostly older) children to permanency and family-based settings**
- **Well crafted practice model**

System Strengths

- **Child and family team planning meetings are an expected part of practice**
- **Strong relationships with many partners**
- **Accessible policy**
- **Providers want a more collaborative relationship with DCS**
- **Well-structured staff training section**
- **Workforce is eager to see positive change**
- **Long-standing attorney vacancies being filled**

System Challenges

- **High system frequency of intervention in families**
- **Disproportionately high number of children in care**
- **High investment in determining maltreatment/low investment in strengthening families**
- **Uneven to poor family involvement in decision-making**
- **Dispirited staff in in many offices**
- **Approximately 40% of FCM's have caseloads over standards**

System Challenges

- **Supervisors have a high supervisor/case manager ratio**
- **Perceived over-centralization of central office decision-making**
- **High staff turnover**
- **Foster parent turnover**
- **Day care eligibility and waiting lists for foster parents and kinship providers**
- **Not enough drug treatment services**

System Challenges

- **Prior evaluation reports unused**
- **Data system has limited capacity**
- **Limited capacity to perform data analysis**
- **Eliminated practice quality assessments process**
- **High attorney workloads, inexperience**

Recommendations

- **Entire community must expand addiction resources**
- **Review statutes to prioritize scope of DCS responsibility for maltreatment**
- **Lengthen response time for selected maltreatment cases**
- **Extend the time frame for family assessment**
- **Engage more families voluntarily**
- **Re-launch the practice model**
- **Pilot delivery of cohort training regionally**

Recommendations

- **Consider offering children in care the option of receiving support through age 23**
- **Strengthen the FCM case management role**
- **Establish a caseload standard of 17 families for in-home and 15 children for out-of-home**
- **Reduce the supervisor to case manager ratio to closer to 1/5**
- **Seek to create a safe learning environment for staff**

Recommendations

- **Give priority to recruiting staff who have a BSW and MSW**
- **Create a workgroup to decentralize central office decision-making**
- **Create a data analysis capacity**
- **Resume using the QSR process**
- **Improve data reporting and analytic capacity**
- **Secure a Medicaid expert**
- **Develop a closer partnership with providers**

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3. Strategic Priority: Child Safety and Services

b. Victoria Szczechowski: Child Services Oversight Committee update

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c. Dr. Leslie Hulvershorn: Child Safety and Services Task Force update

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3. Strategic Priority: Child Safety and Services

Dr. Zachary Adams, Trauma and Resilience Subcommittee

Feedback requested: Trauma Web Site Concept

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4. Strategic Priority: Juvenile Justice and Cross-System Youth

- a. Angela Reid-Brown: Juvenile Justice/Cross System Task Force update

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5. Strategic Priority: Mental Health & Substance Abuse

- a. Sirrilla Blackmon and Senator Randy Head: Mental Health and Substance Abuse Task Force update

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b. Elizabeth Darby, Indiana Criminal Justice Institute

Action requested: approval of letter of support for CJI's application for an OJJDP grant on opioid affected youth



Opioid Affected Youth Initiative Funding Opportunity

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Eric Holcomb, Governor
Dave Murtaugh, Executive Director



About ICJI

- Approximately 50 employees
- Executive Director appointed by Governor
- Priorities set by 18-member Board of Trustees
- Six Divisions: Drug & Crime, Research, Substance Abuse, Traffic Safety, Victim Services and Youth
- Criminal justice policy, planning, research and analysis
- Administers \$75 million in annual state, USDODJ and USDOT grants



Opioid Affected Youth Initiative



- Proposal Deadline: July 2, 2018
- 6 Projects and 1 Technical Assistance Provider
- \$1M per project over 3 years
- Project Timeframe: October 2018 - September 2021

Project Goals

1. Strategically respond to the opioid epidemic and it's impact on kids
2. Develop data-driven responses that address the abuse of opioids
3. Improve service coordination for training, intervention, prevention, and diversion programs for kids and families
4. Implement coordinated services model and programs

Project Phases

Planning Phase (Year 1)

- Convene taskforce, develop data sharing agreements, identify unique needs and focus areas, and develop strategic plan

Implementation Phase (Years 2 & 3)

- Develop and implement coordinated responses and services, ensure ongoing data analysis and data-driven decision making, identify funding resources to ensure sustainability

ICJI's Role

- Site Coordinator – Elizabeth Crist Darby
- Data & research coordination
- Leverage Title II subgrants to fund local programs
- Local Coordinating Council technical assistance
- Performance management and reporting

Partner Roles

- Task force participation
- Cross-system planning
- Data sharing
- Coordination and implementation of prevention, intervention, diversion and treatment services

Next Steps & Questions

- Gather letters of support
- Finalize proposal, logic model and budget
- Questions

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6. Strategic Priority: Educational Outcomes

b. Cathy Danyluk and Melaina Gant: Educational Outcomes Task Force update

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7. Committee Updates

a. Tyler Brown: Data Sharing and Mapping Committee update

Action Recommended: approval of proposed MOU for update of information-sharing guide



INFORMATION SHARING GUIDE
ANALYTICS – JUNE 1, 2018



70

New Users



20



50

New Users Since May 1st



123

Returning Users



35



88

Returning Users Since May 1st



1409

Interactions



246



1163

Interactions Since May 1st



2456

Total Users



593



1863

All Time New Users



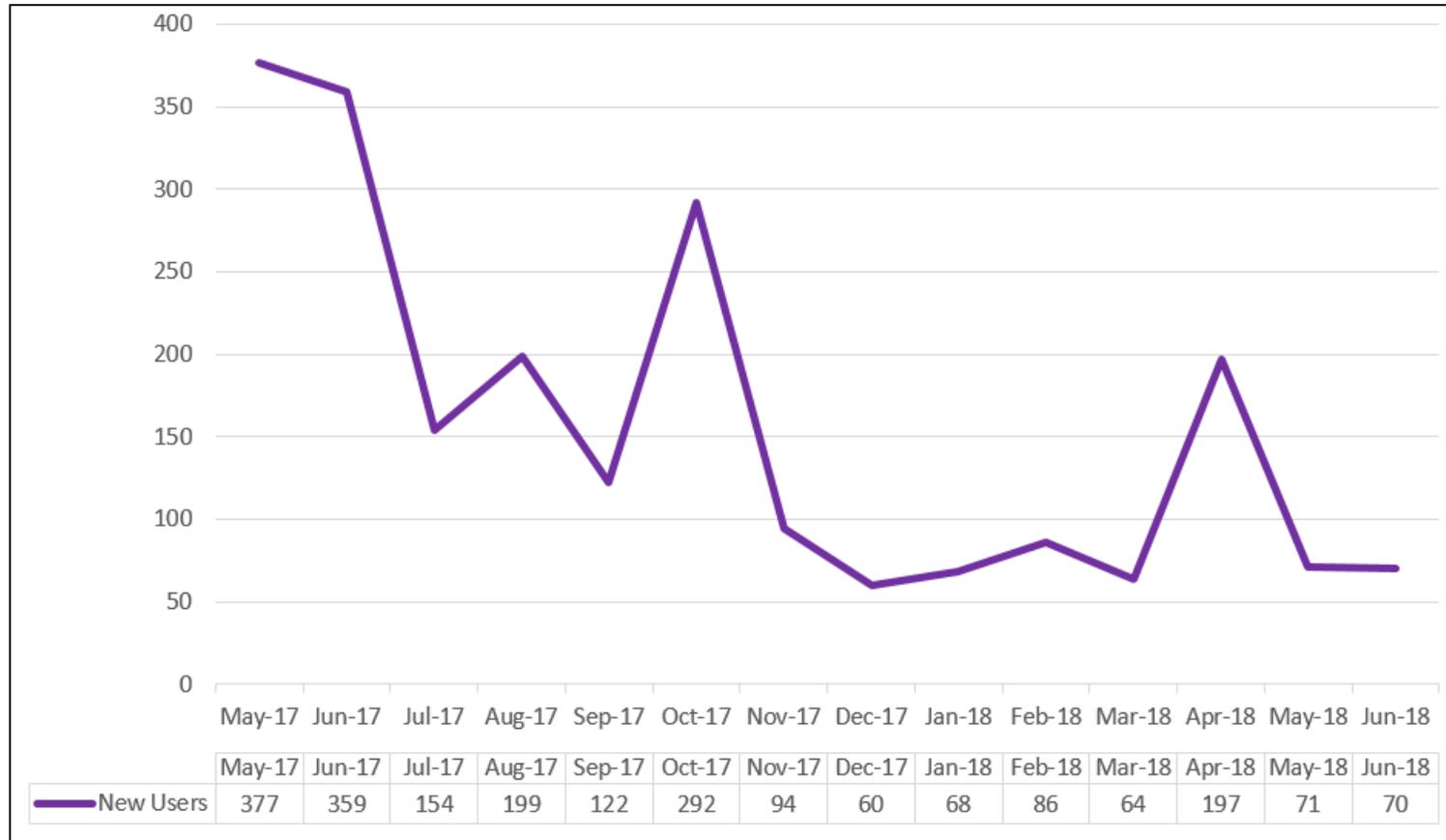
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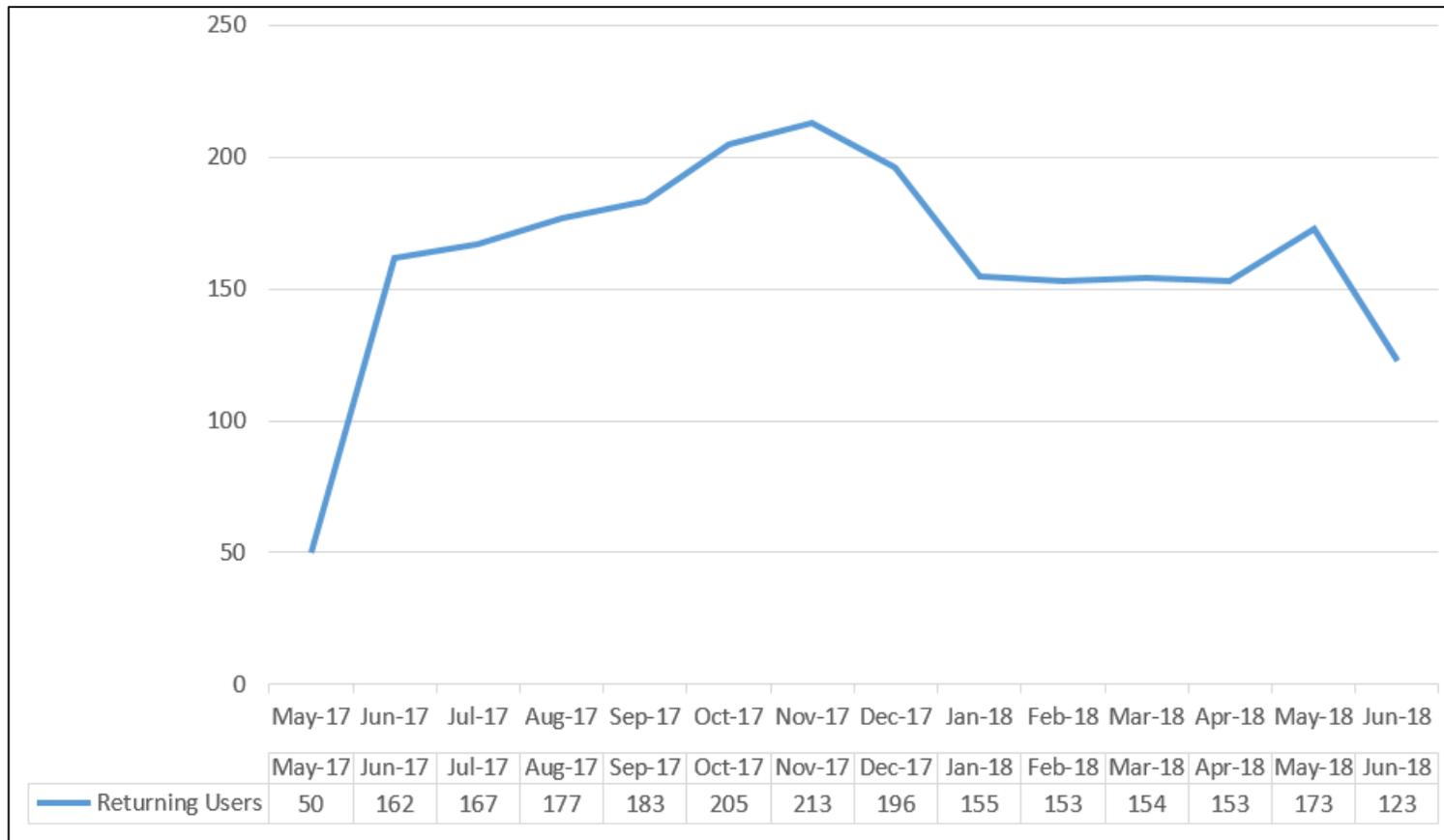
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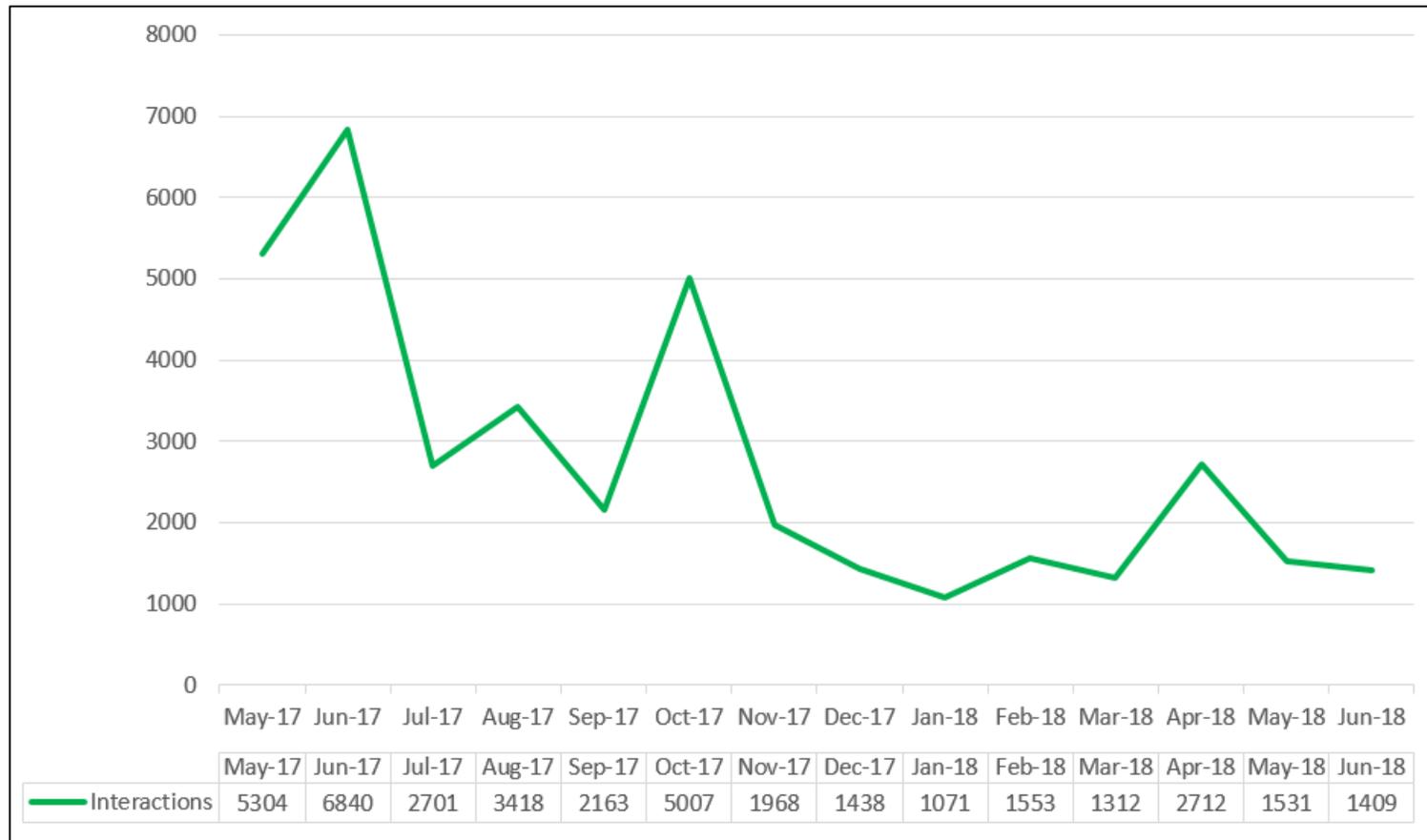
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New Users



Returning Users



User Activity

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7. Committee Updates

b. Kathryn Dolan: Communications Committee update

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8. Executive Director Update

- a. Recent Presentations
- b. Work with Clarus Consulting
- c. Updated legislative summary
- d. Strategic plan tracker

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9. Discussion: Future Meeting Topics or other items from Commission members

10. Next Meeting: August 15, 2018

Indiana Government Center South, Conference Room C



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